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GEN. GRANT'S POLICY.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1868. A Senator of the United States called on Con. Grant to-day and asked a favor, which the General declined to grant, because it was impossible. The Senator remarked that he was going away, and would not return for some weeks. The General replied that he was sorry he was going, but if he was in favor of attention, and that it is vitally important, if we intend to pay off the national debt and lighten taxation, to practice the most rigid conomy, and the place to begin with is the bills that are pending in Congress granting further subsidies to the Pacific and other Railroads. No maiter what may be said about the prospective benefit we are to derive from these roads, it is too long to wait, and we should make the best possible use of our present resources, without increasing the burden of our debt by incurring expensive risks which are

whom were Senator Morgan, Gen. C. C. Augur.

to-day concerning affairs in their State.

Breckinridge, Slidell, Mason, and all of

It is said that on the closing day of the last session of Congress, while the President and his Cabinet were in the Capitol building, an effort was made by members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, to have the President change Gen. Reserrans's appointment from Minister to Mexico to that of Minister to Russia, on account of Gen. Rosecrans's religious beitef in Catholicism. The attempt, however, failed. A member of the Committee who went to argo this action upon Mr. Seward, that that gentleman thange, had very warm words with him which re-As it was deemed advisable not to permit the Mexican Mission to remain vacant during the recess of Congress, Rosecrans was confirmed, against the expresed wishes, however, of several members of the

Committee on Foreign Relations.

Delegations of Indians from the Miamis, Creeks,
Cherokees, and other tribes are in this city, seeking to secure additions to existing treaties between their and the Government relative to the cessions of lands and the improvement of their domestic condition. Seme of the Indians were in consultation at the Indina Bareau to-day, but no agreement has been effected. The understanding of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs is that the Indian Peace Commission has been dissolved, and that any future official proceedings of the Commission must be authorized by act of Congress. It is understood, however, that Gen. Sherman and the other members will assemble

bere during the coming month.

A delegation from Colorado is here with intent to press upon the present Congress the admission of that Territory as a State. The delegation profess to have figures showing the requisite population, and enough arguments to show the advisability of comply-

ing with their request. A question involving the capacity of distilleries and the proper allowances to be made them has been under consideration by the Internal Revenue bureau for some time past. On the argument of counsel representing some of the largest manufacturers of spirits In New-York, the Commissioner has recently directed the resurvey of all the distilleries in that city, giving instructions to estimate anew their producing capacity, and to make a proper allowance for any measure-

ing tubs are required by law to remain empty. The National Intelligencer of to-day contains a long editorial article, reciting the services of Senator Herderson to the country, and arging his reflection to the Senate by the Legislature of Missouri. The Sen-

ator departed for his home to-day. The city is again nearly deserted, Congressmen gaving gone home and the Department clerks having taken their holiday recess. Of course nobody is

doing anything at the Departments.

William P. Esterbrook has been appointed Superintendent of the construction of the new barge-office

on the Battery, New-York.

he Postmaster-General has been officially in for red of the arrest of George J. Delaney, a clerk in the 'ew-York Post-Office, who was on Saturday last caugi in the act of stealing a valuable package in the Port-Office. He confessed the theft, and was committed for examination before Commissioner Betts. Andrew Keyser has been sentenced by one of the State Courts to imprisonment for two years at hard labor in the Albany Penitentiary, for abstracting a draft from the muls in North Carolina. The Post-Office Department has received official information regarding the Post-Office robbery in South Bend, Ind., that was reported by telegraph this morning. Secretary Seward took the train to-night for Auburn, accompanied by the British and French Ministers, who are to be his guests during the holidays. Chief-Justice Chase and his family are to be the guests of Senator Sprigue, in Rhode Island, until Saurday. Ex-Gov. Letcher of Virginia is here, and called on the President to-day. Ex-President Roberts and wife of Liberia are in town, and will spend the water here. Confederate Gen. Mosby of Virginia artived last night. mitted for examination before Commissioner

ent to-day accepted two sections of 20 I the day.

miles each of the Union Pacific Railroad, and directed bonds to be issued upon the same amounting to \$1,280,000. This extends to the 940th mile-post. COL. WYNKOOP BEFORE THE AMERICAN GEO-

FARGO & CO.'S MAIL CONTRACT. Washington, Dec. 23 .- The Intelligencer pubshes the Postmaster-General's defense of the contract

LOSS OF THE STEAMER HIBERNIA.

SCENES-THE MISSING BOATS.

OUR INDIAN DIFFICULTIES.

GRAPHICAL AND STATISTICAL SOCIETY. In response to the request of the American Geographical and Statistical Society, ex-Indian Agent Col. E. W. Wynkoop delivered an address last evening before the Society, in their rooms at the Cooper Institute, on the Col. Wynkoop, which was done. The following letter, from the Rev. H. B. Whipple, Episcopal Bishop of Min-

nesota, was also read by the Secretary:

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SCIENTIFIC LECTURES.

STITUTE ON THE PRIMEVAL FLORA.

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